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## SEMI-WEEKLY INDEPENDENT.

Beginning this week the MARSHALL COUNTY INDEPENDENT will be issued semi-weekly instead of weekly as heretofore. The semi-weekly editions will issue on Thursday and Saturday of each week at the price of the present weekly edition, \$1.50 per year. Subscriptions will also be received at \$1.00, when paid in advance, the same as for the present weekly INDEPENDENT and all present and new subscribers will hereafter receive two papers per week instead of one. We believe INDEPENDENT readers will generally appreciate this change which will involve considerable added labor and expense but believe that this appreciation will more than recompense us for the extra effort necessarily involved in improving the news service of the paper. We shall make some liberal clubbing propositions among which is our offer to send the Thrice-a-week New York World and the SEMI-WEEKLY INDEPENDENT an entire year for \$1.65. Subscribers may, on this proposition, receive five papers a week for a fraction over 3 cents per week. We also offer the SEMI-WEEKLY INDEPENDENT and the New York Weekly Tribune at only \$1.25 per year. For details of these offers see our advertisements in this paper.

We also propose to supply almost any regularly published magazine or newspaper in the world, in combination with the DAILY or SEMI-WEEKLY INDEPENDENT at considerable reductions from regular subscription prices and it will pay INDEPENDENT readers to call at this office before renewing subscriptions to any paper or magazine published in this country or Europe. Tell your friends about the SEMI-WEEKLY INDEPENDENT.

## THE PLYMOUTH DEMOCRAT.

Democratic or Independent, which? Some Democrats are Undecided.

The democrats who have fondly regarded the Plymouth Democrat as their party organ were suddenly and completely undeceived when the Democrat started its position on November 21. Its declaration of principles of that date was summed up in the terse unequivocal statement: "Independent in all things—neutral in nothing."

In the Democrat of last week much space was devoted to the purpose of showing that it never had been a party organ and matter from its files as far back as 1855 was quoted to prove that such was the truth. From this it seems that while for many years subsequent to 1855 the democrats of this county have been permitted to believe that the Democrat was to all practical purposes and intents the party organ, the paper has never been fully in harmony with or devoted to the party. Otherwise there would have been no obstacle to its being the party organ and receiving the party patronage which it complains with a tinge of bitterness that it has received only in part.

But the question with the democratic party now is, has it or has it not a newspaper representative (barring the hair splitting definitions of what constitutes a party organ) in this city. In view of all that has been said and done it does not appear that the Plymouth Democrat can now ever be accepted as a reliable representative of local democracy. A paper to be so accepted must leave no doubt in the minds of its constituency as to its firmness and persistency in advocating party principles. It can not be democratic one week, independent the next and half way between the next and inspire the confidence necessary to gain admission to any party.

When the DAILY INDEPENDENT was started the Democrat referred to it, exultingly and with great apparent pleasure, as a little boy might tease his school fellow, as the Republican daily. It is now evident that coming events did not at that time cast their shadows before. Mr. McDonald had not cast his horoscope.

Removed.  
The old shed which has stood on the lots across the Vandalia tracks from O'Keefe's lumber yards, for several years, and which had become a dangerous place and a tramps lodging house has recently been torn down and hauled away.

The next place should be the old mill which is partially gone now but its absence would improve the looks of that community to a considerable degree. And people would not need to fear the place after dark.

**Becoming Popular.**  
The Winnamac Republican in its issue of last week in speaking of Rev. R. C. Wilkinson, of Kewanna says:  
"Rev. R. C. Wilkinson, of Kewanna, preached at the M. E. church Sunday morning, afternoon and evening. Rev. Wilkinson is a traveling evangelist for that denomination and also the author of a book that is having quite a sale."  
The book the Republican refers to is entitled "The Kingdom of Love," and its author in giving it to the reading public, has through its eloquent, silent power touched a responsive chord in the hearts of those who have been fortunate enough to pursue its interesting pages. "The Kingdom of Love" is founded upon the bible, the characters of which are closely connected with the Savior. The book in its construction is written similar to Lew Wallace's work of "Ben Hur."

Mr. Wilkinson in this work steps out boldly and assumes a position that many a man of his cloth would hesitate to take, owing to the prejudice that surrounds this kind of literature. But he has, with one bold stroke met the popular demands of the people for religious reading in the "Kingdom of Love." We wish Rev. Wilkinson unbounded success as an author.

**No Change Whatever.**  
For sometime past Dame Rumor has whispered into the ears of the general public that an important change was to take place on the Pennsylvania Railroad the first of the coming month, which would be of considerable benefit to the patrons of that road. Especially favorable was this new time card to be to towns within 130 miles of Chicago. It has now been announced that the only change that will be made is on the time of No. 8, which arrives at Plymouth at 5:15 p. m. The change is only made between Chicago and Crestline, and does not effect our service here.

It has been the desire of thousands we might say, along the line of this road between Ft. Wayne and Chicago that a better service could be secured between Chicago and Ft. Wayne in the forenoon. No train leaves Chicago between 7:30 a. m., and 2:15 p. m., that gives a benefit to the patrons of this road this side of Valparaiso. This service compels an enormous number of people who desire to transact a little business in the city to lose an entire day, which, if even the train that stops at Valparaiso continued through to Ft. Wayne, or even to Plymouth, would not only be of great benefit to the system, but would create a larger railroad patronage.

We will venture the assertion there is not a railroad that does not give its patrons an opportunity to leave the city between 8 a. m., and noon, with this one exception. If the train that leaves Chicago at 7:30, was one hour later, it would be of incalculable value. This is a subject that is of no little moment to the people of Plymouth, and it is to be hoped that in the near future some change will be made that will give the patrons of the Pennsylvania system a later train in the forenoon.

**A Chance for All.**  
We have noticed scores of times the tendency of a certain class of people who always berate a man who has accumulated a large amount of money. Whether these men gained the extra amount of cash they possess by actual manual labor or not, they generally were shrewd men or they would not have succeeded in accumulating. We have heard people in Plymouth speak of the gift of Rockefeller to the university in Chicago, and yet Rockefeller was once a news boy in the city of New York.

Carnegie, the great iron mill owner of Pennsylvania at one time was what is known as a bobbin boy. George Peabody did service as a grocery clerk, while Commodore Vanderbilt was the owner of a small trading boat which he poled with his own strong arms. Surely there is a chance for all.

**A Pun.**  
The editor of the Chicago Tribune could not refrain from making the following pun on the Waterbury watch. It was published this morning and is probably a result of the editor's Sunday meditations. "A man in Waterbury, Conn., has been arrested for praying aloud until 1 o'clock in the morning. But he couldn't help it. No man could wind up a Waterbury watch meeting earlier than that."

**Out of Plumb.**  
A newly-married young man, having a desire to compliment his mother-in-law's culinary accomplishments, took this manner of doing it: I send you by express to-day one of my wife's first biscuits, that you may note the effect of your culinary instructions. I would send it by mail, that you might get it sooner, but the postal regulations prohibit the transmission of articles weighing more than four pounds through the mails.

**Will Hill Marry?**  
It is rumored that senator Hill is about to take unto himself a wife. He has leased a large house on I street, a most fashionable quarter of Washington, and expects to take possession soon after the meeting of congress. He is either going to marry or avoid the discomforts of hotel life in the capitol. [C. I. News.]

## DON'T READ THE NEWSPAPERS.

Men Who Don't Care for Things of Contemporaneous Interest.

It may seem strange, but it is a fact, nevertheless, that you occasionally find a man who, by his own admission, never reads the newspapers—not because he doesn't know how, nor of the dinness of eye-sight, but for the simple reason that he has no desire to. If an observing student of human nature will study the mental qualities of such men he will with few exceptions find them to be narrow-minded in the extreme. The horizon of their ideas is often circumscribed by their own dooryard, and seldom extends beyond the limits of the immediate community in which they live. Ask such a man what the distance is from Harvard to Chicago, or what state borders Illinois on the south—questions that the average school boy can answer—and the prospects are he has forgotten, if he ever did know. Why, I have in mind a person in Harvard who thinks himself a mighty heavy (I mean intellectually), man who was heard to ask the question a few years ago upon hearing a commercial salesman recount some of the daring deeds of the great confederate leader, General Lee, in the war of the rebellion, "if the critter was still living." This is no fairy tale, but an absolute fact. The idea I wish to convey in the strongest possible language in this connection is that to deprive an enlightened man of his newspaper, whether it be the most obscure weekly in the state or the ablest metropolitan daily in the land, is to take away his mental food and he is in torment until it is restored to him. If "ignorance is bliss," the man who never reads may be as happy as the one who does, but the latter will find no pleasure in the former's society, for the reason that he finds it difficult to confine his ideas within the narrow scope of the man who never reads a newspaper.—Harvard Herald.

## The Trials of a Country Editor.

Whatever may be the truth or the falsity of the stories that are told of the scarcity of funds in a country editor's pocket or the scarcity of food in his stomach, the stories are always told, and neither the progress of education nor the growth and development of the press seems to have any effect upon the crop. One of the latest comes from Kentucky, where the mountain editor, at least, rarely develops into Ceresua or an Apicius, and this is one concerning a mountain editor. A subscriber had remembered him very kindly, and a day or two later a visitor called at his office.

"Can I see the editor?" he inquired of the grimy little "devil" on the high stool.  
"No, sir," replied the youth on the stool, "He's sick."  
"What's the matter with him?"  
"Dun'no," said the boy. One of our subscribers gave him a bag of flour and a bushel of peraters (other day an' I reckon he's founedered.)—From the "Editor's Drawer," in Harper's Magazine.

## Ditch Law Unconstitutional.

At Winamac Saturday Judge Capron decided the Indiana ditch law of 1893 to be unconstitutional. The law applies to ditches of five miles or longer, constructed in two or more counties. The court holds that the law is invalid because it does not provide for the publication of essential notices and does not arrange for a joint meeting of the county commissioners interested.

## The Elect Officers.

From Tuesday's Daily.  
The G. A. R. Post, No. 290, elected the following officers last night at their lodge room: For Commander, Wm. Conger; Senior Vice, Wm. Love; Junior Vice, Henry Reynolds; Officer of the Day, D. L. Dickenson; Quartermaster, Dr. O. A. Rea; Chaplain, Chas. H. Wilcox; Officer of the Guard, Eliza Emmerson; appointed Adjutant, James E. Houghton.

## Became Unruly.

Monday afternoon four men who were intoxicated entered the restaurant of Otto Alberts and did such things that Mr. Alberts had to force them out upon the street. He first looked for the marshal, but the officer could not be found. The consequences were, the men were allowed to go without being dealt with by law.

## A Publisher's Union.

We have made arrangements by which we can supply almost any newspaper or magazine published in the world in combination with the INDEPENDENT, Daily or Weekly, at a reduction of from 5 to 75 per cent from regular subscription price. It will pay you to call at the INDEPENDENT office before renewing subscriptions for any American or European literary or news publication.

## Licensed to Wed.

Guy Ames.  
Bertha E. Murphy.  
Charles Faulkner.  
Ida King.  
William Mannual.  
Clara Harris.

A few drops of Brazilian Balm in a little warm water makes the best eye water in the world.

**Personals.**  
Mark Twain says the Arabs will take anything but a joke.

The pressure brought to bear on Ryward Kipling to force him into the dramatic fields has been very strong of late.

Mr. Herbert Spencer, the philosopher, was trained as a boy to become a civil engineer. Later in life he was connected with a provincial paper as a reporter.

Mayor Davis, of Kansas City, having neglected to pay the tax on his house for last year, discovered to his surprise the other day that the property had just been sold to satisfy the claim.

Lord Lytton, the novelist, left orders that before he was buried a long needle should be run through his heart. He has taken the precaution to tell the doctor of his wish, and it will be carried out.

Lord Lonsdale recently had occasion to telegraph to the Emperor of Germany, and the message was directed to "His Imperial Majesty the Emperor of Germany, Potsdam." Half an hour later the message was returned marked, "Insufficiently addressed."

F. Hokinson Smith writes to say that he left Constantinople six weeks ago; that while in that city he saw Minister Terrell every day for nearly a month; that the Minister has not embraced the Mohammedan faith and is not assisting in the persecution and murder of Armenians, but is doing a great deal to protect them.

Probably the most interesting student at the University of Kansas is Martin Van Buren Stevens, a lively old man of 70. He is in his second year in the law class, and expects to graduate in the spring. Stevens has been a soldier in the rebellion, a preacher, and a professor of "phrenology," but thinks now that his bent is really for the law.

"We are informed" says the Boston Transcript, "that the heirs of the poet Whittier, who are his nieces and cousins, and would not be backward in doing their share toward securing a permanent memorial in his honor. The Amesbury News makes the admirable suggestion that now that the Whittier homestead is to be vacated it is a good time to make a move to secure it as a memorial, to be kept in its present condition.—Tribune.

## The Evening News.

[Katie C. Hutchings.]

When winter clothes the earth with snow,  
And cold north winds begin to blow  
Then by my fire, secure and warm,  
I laugh defiance at the storm,  
And with my feet in easy shoes,  
I settle down to read the news.  
I read of hunger, care and sorrow,  
Of men who loan and men who borrow,  
Of murderers, ship-wrecks and the like,  
Of railroads busy with a "strike,"  
Of tariff laws and corporations;  
Of sad and funny situations;  
I read from off the printed page  
The vital questions of this age;  
Also the many tales of scandal  
(Which the papers can so deftly handle.)  
At last disgusted with the mess of stuff  
I throw the paper down and think I've read enough.

## Facts Conclusive.

We expect your patronage because the Nickel Plate road operates conveniently scheduled trains equipped with unexcelled dining cars and luxurious sleepers between Chicago, Cleveland, Erie, New York and Boston. Lowest rates.

## Pneumonia.

Mrs. A. J. Lawrence, of Beaver, Pa., says: "Brazilian Balm brought me out of a severe attack of pneumonia in splendid shape. It is a wonderful remedy for coughs and lung troubles. Also for outward use, for burns, cold sores and chapped hands and face, it cures like magic. It is invaluable in the family."

## Another Germ Disease.

The microscope has brought to light the fact that Dyspepsia is a germ disease. This microbe imbeds itself in the tissues of the stomach, causing inflammation and fermentation that prevents the secretion of healthy gastric juice. This explains the cause of indigestion with all its horrors and miseries. Brazilian Balm is a perfect antidote. It destroys the germ, heals the inflamed surface, subdues all pain, effecting a complete cure. Try it.

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Only Cure For Dyspepsia.  
Mrs. Franklin Bush, of New Castle, Del., says: "I suffered for years with dyspepsia. Used to have great distress and belching. I tried everything I could hear of, but nothing helped me till I took Brazilian Balm, and one 50 cent bottle cured me completely."